

## Waukesha County Recycling and Solid Waste Program Report 2002

Recycling and Solid Waste Programs	Results
<b>Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)</b> Operations  Recycling Grant  Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Processed 24,226 tons of residential recyclables, an increase of 15% over last year.</li> <li>▪ Replaced shaker screen on commingled line, installed fire alarm system, completed major scale repairs and replaced heaters in plant</li> <li>▪ Completed transition to new contractor for operations</li> <li>▪ 85,252 households received weekly collection of recyclables</li> <li>▪ Distributed \$600,000 in recycling dividends to 25 participating communities</li> <li>▪ Provided documentation to the DNR on recycling costs and programs in order to receive a \$1.13 million grant</li> <li>▪ Educated 1,834 MRF visitors – a 60% increase over last year</li> <li>▪ Contracted with artist to paint mural on stairway walls to education room highlighting important dates in product development and recycling</li> </ul>
<b>Education and Outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Offsite presentations reached 1,416 students and 332 adults</li> <li>▪ Recycling and Waste Reduction Newspaper mailed to approximately 155,000 county households</li> <li>▪ Mailed out and completed compost bin survey</li> <li>▪ 110,000 tax mailing inserts promoted mercury pollution prevention and holiday waste reduction</li> <li>▪ Updated recycling and waste reduction fact sheets, posters and brochures and added them to the website</li> <li>▪ Reformatted the website</li> </ul>
<b>In-house Reduction &amp; Recycling and Pollution Prevention Team</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continued and broadened scope of in-house Pollution Prevention (P2) Team</li> <li>▪ Collected 111 tons of paper/cardboard, 15 tons of commingled materials, and about one half ton of polystyrene at County buildings</li> <li>▪ Confirmed wording for sustainable/green building elements in RFP for architectural design of Retzer Nature Center expansion</li> <li>▪ Initiated site evaluation with WasteCap Wisconsin, Inc. for recycling/reusing demolition materials from Northview Huber Facility</li> </ul>
<b>Business Recycling &amp; Reduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conducted 39 business inspections in 4 communities, including 4 waste assessments of schools and county facilities.</li> </ul>

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<b>Waste Reduction Coalition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Published annual Green Pages in cooperation with MJS.</li> <li>▪ Recruited FCR, Inc. as a sponsor.</li> <li>▪ Utilized a Wisconsin Environmental Education Board grant to expand Coalition programs to Jefferson County and Cedarburg area.</li> <li>▪ Awarded \$9,900 in scholarships to 24 area students.</li> <li>▪ Facilitated special meeting on inter-governmental cooperation attended by 34 representatives from 20 municipalities to discuss opportunities under the DNR Recycling Efficiency Incentive Grants.</li> <li>▪ Received a \$10,000 National Foundation grant to establish a scholarship endowment fund in memory of JJ Rao.</li> <li>▪ Provided recycling and waste reduction assistance to 5 festivals and special events in Waukesha County. Diverted kitchen grease, 2,440 pounds of cardboard, about 400 pounds of soda/water bottles and 400 pounds of food waste.</li> </ul>
<b>Household Hazardous Waste</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Served a total of 4,540 households at 3 ongoing locations and 6 satellite collections in the county. Participation decreased 5%, reflecting a stabilized program.</li> <li>▪ Collected a total of 216,379 pounds of hazardous waste.</li> <li>▪ Negotiated a 3-party agreement with Superior Emerald Park Standing Committee, Waukesha County and the contractor for an integrated, countywide program, saving administrative costs and reducing county/municipal cost by 13%.</li> </ul>
<b>Mercury Collection Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coordinated thermometer collections in partnership with Walgreen's, Wal-Mart and Aurora pharmacies.</li> <li>▪ Coordinated mercury collection from two high schools.</li> <li>▪ Distributed 8,600 mercury brochures in addition to newspaper ads and press releases promoting mercury collection.</li> <li>▪ Collected 263 lbs. mercury products.</li> <li>▪ Program is paid for by a DNR grant of \$30,000 for 2 years.</li> </ul>
<b>Agricultural/Business Clean Sweep Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Received \$7,292 Dept. of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) grant to continue ongoing Ag/Business Hazardous Waste Program. Added Muskego and Ottawa sites to the Waukesha incinerator site.</li> <li>▪ Conducted targeted promotion to farmers, agricultural and small businesses through mailings, newsletters, press releases and newspaper ads.</li> <li>▪ Served 8 farms and VSQG businesses/institutions.</li> <li>▪ Collected 824 pounds of pesticides.</li> </ul>
<b>Miscellaneous Computers</b>  <b>Food Recovery Task Force</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Added a fourth computer collection site in the City of New Berlin to Waukesha County's computer recycling program.</li> <li>▪ Residents recycled 52 tons of computers and related components at four county computer collection sites.</li> <li>▪ Assisted the Food Recovery Program of Waukesha County with strategic planning and hiring new Program Coordinator.</li> </ul>